

INFORMATION BULLETIN

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: WORKFORCE INNOVATION IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT SOLICITATION

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has announced the availability of funds under a new initiative called the Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED). The WIRED initiative will fund grant awards up to \$5 million per year, for three years, to eight-to-ten sites where universities, companies, government, and workforce and economic development organizations partner to transform and rebuild their regional economy. Each Governor may submit up to three applications on behalf of regions within their states. Applications are due to DOL by January 5, 2006.

The Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA) is requesting that any partnership wanting to be considered as one of the three applications for California provide a proposed concept paper to LWDA by 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 12, 2005. Late concept papers will not be accepted.

Concept papers may be submitted by mail or fax to:

Jaime Fall
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Labor and Workforce Development Agency
801 K Street, Suite 2101
Sacramento, CA 95814
FAX (916) 327-9158

The State reserves the right to take the following actions:

- Serve as the fiscal agent for any grant(s) awarded by DOL.
- Negotiate with jurisdictions to combine proposals if it is believed this will strengthen the state's opportunity to receive a grant.
- Submit less than three applications.

Attached to this information bulletin is the concept paper format that applicants must use and submit to LWDA to be considered. The required information reflects the rating criteria and other information spelled out in DOL's letter to the Governor available online at www.doleta.gov. The information required by LWDA is meant to help the state determine which applications will be the most competitive nationally and to

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simultaneously assist partnerships to develop substantial outlines of proposals should the partnership be selected as one of California's applicants. A total of 100 points is possible for this state review process. Concept papers are limited to five pages.

Applicants will be notified as to the selection made by LWDA by December 15, 2005. The Employment Development Department will assist the selected partnerships to fully develop applications for submittal by the State to DOL by the January 5, 2006 deadline.

Additional information regarding the DOL WIRED Initiative is available on the DOL Employment and Training Administration website as follows: www.doleta.gov. The DOL will host a WIRED Virtual Prospective Applicant Conference for this grant competition on December 7, 2005. Information for the conference is also posted on the website.

Questions regarding this concept paper process should be directed to Jaime Fall at (916) 327-9064. Questions regarding the DOL WIRED Initiative should be directed to the DOL WIRED Virtual Prospective Applicant Conference.

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Attachments are available on the Internet:

1. [WIRED Concept Paper Application](#) (DOC)
2. [DOL WIRED Initiatives Grants Timeline](#) (PDF)